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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

MICHAEL J. CLAUSO,

Plaintiff,

v.

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICER
MORALEZ, *et al.*,**

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 20-7054 (ES) (MAH)

ORDER

SALAS, DISTRICT JUDGE

It appearing that:

1. On June 9, 2020, plaintiff Michael Clauso (“Plaintiff”), a prisoner confined at Northern State Prison in Newark, New Jersey, filed this instant civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (D.E. No. 1). On June 9, 2020, Plaintiff filed a separate complaint which the Clerk of Court docketed and opened Civil Action No. 20-7056. (*See* Civ. No. 20-7056, D.E. No. 1).

2. On October 15, 2020, Plaintiff filed an amended complaint in this matter. (D.E. No. 3). On the same day, Plaintiff filed an amended complaint in Civil Action No. 20-7056. (*See* Civ. No. 20-7056, D.E. No. 7-1).

3. Plaintiff’s amended complaint in Civil Action No. 20-7056 states that he combined the claims from Civil Action No. 20-7054 with the claim from Civil Action No. 20-7056 into one amended complaint. (*See* Civ. No. 20-7056, D.E. No. 7 at 3).

4. Upon review, the claims in these two amended complaints are identical, and Plaintiff seeks the same relief from the same Defendants. Accordingly, the Court will order the

Clerk of Court to close this matter as a duplicate. Plaintiff shall proceed with the amended complaint filed under Civil Action No. 20-7056.

IT IS on this 15th day of March 2021,

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall CLOSE this case with a Docket Entry reading “Duplicate of Civil Action 20-7056”; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Order upon Plaintiff by regular U.S. mail.

s/Esther Salas
Esther Salas, U.S.D.J.